

## Jordan River Toll Bridge

### By Carl Mellor

*Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lehi, that the toll of the above named bridge shall be as follows:*

- *For crossing a vehicle of any kind drawn by two animals* 20 cents
- *Six tickets for* \$1.00
- *For each and every vehicle drawn by one animal* 15 cents
- *For each animal and rider or each pack animal* 10 cents
- *For loose horses, mules jacks, jinnies, and cattle, each* 5 cents
- *For sheep and hogs* 1 cents
- *For each foot passenger* 5 cents

*Section 2. Be it further ordained that any person crossing the above named bridge on a single animal faster than a walk, shall pay a fine of five dollars.*

*Any person driving a loose tema faster than a wall, shall pay a fine of ten dollars. Also, any person driving a team and wagon faster than a walk, shall pay a fine of fifteen dollars.*

Lehi City established the Toll Bridge Across the Jordan River in 1853. Sir Richard Burton, a noted British Adventurer crossed the Jordan River using this bridge in 1858. He noted that it was a “rickety affair” and also complained that “if he had been a saint, he would have crossed for half his fifty cent fare.”

William Ball was the toll keeper who collected Burton’s fare. Ball was the toll keeper during the years of 1858 to 1863.

A ferry at Indian Ford was established in 1860, and was generally used by the pony express, the Overland Mail Stage Coaches and the transcontinental traffic going west to Carson City, Sacramento, and San Francisco.